

NEWHAVEN PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
31st DECEMBER, 1941

To the Members of the Newhaven Port Health Authority.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the Port of Newhaven during the year 1941.

The Health of the crews in ships entering the Port has been very good over this period, and only one case of sickness has been brought to my notice. The permanent arrangements for the protection of the Port against Infectious Disease being introduced remains the same as was described in my Annual Report for the year 1933.

The only Foreign Port with which Newhaven had any considerable traffic was Dieppe, and the chief risk of the importation of infectious disease was from the Continent of Europe. This traffic is, of course, brought to a standstill owing to the War.

The total number of ships entering the Port during the year was 51, of which 44 were inspected. The entries included one ship which entered the Port through stress of weather; one tug under Government commission; and two Hospital ships. In only one case were the conditions such as to make necessary a notice to the Owners. In this case a leaking deck head was the source of complaint, and this was to be made good at the survey and repair due at the end of the voyage. Verbal instructions were given in a few cases to improve cleanliness but the sanitary conditions generally were good. Rats were not in evidence, and this may be accounted for by the fact that all cargoes were coal carried by coastwise shipping only. Three fishing vessels were fumigated for bugs.

ALIENS ORDER, 1920 No aliens entered the Port for landing during the year and no inspections were necessary in this respect.

PSITTACOSIS No birds of this species entered the port during the year.

FOREIGN MEAT & UNSOUND FOOD REGULATIONS No food of any description entered the Port during the year.

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT-TABLE A

The number of ships entering the Port.	...	51
The number of ships inspected by the Medical Officer ..	2	
" " " " Sanitary Inspector.	42	
The number of ships reported to be defective. ....	1.	
The number of ships reported as having infectious disease.		

CHARACTER OF TRADE OF THE PORT - TABLE B

IMPORTS The only imports during the year was coal. The usual imports of manufactured silk, cotton, wool, timber, coal, stone, motor cars, machinery, clocks, watches, chemicals, brandy, wines, potatoes and fruits have ceased owing to war.

EXPORTS No exports have occurred during the year. Fish, textiles, and machinery are usually exported in normal times.

PASSENGER TRAFFIC - Nil.

SOURCE OF WATER SUPPLY The water supplied to the Port and shipping is pumped from a well sunk into the chalk at Denton, and owned by the Southern Railway Co. Samples for examination are taken each quarter, and the results prove the water to be of very good quality.

TABLE C One case of infectious disease, i.e. scarlet fever, was landed and treated at the Isolation Hospital.

TABLE D No case of infectious disease occurred on vessels during the voyage prior to entering this Port.

TABLE E. Number of rats destroyed on vessels during 1941 - nil.

A specially appointed man is employed by the Southern Railway Company to catch and poison rats on their properties.

My thanks are due to the officials of the Southern Railway Company, Customs, Home Office and C.I.D. for their courtesy and ready help extended to me in the execution of my duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours obediently

(signed) Rodie Parkhurst.

Medical Officer of Health.

Newhaven.  
6th March, 1942.

